

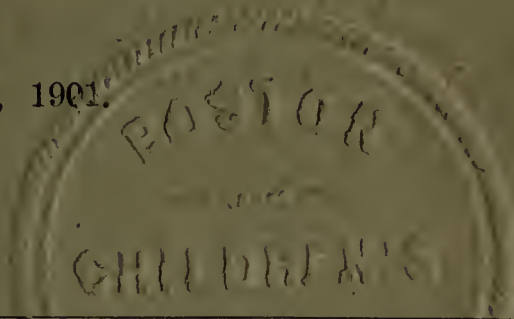
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REPORT
OF THE
GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME
FOR CHILDREN.



JANUARY 1, 1901.





ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN

(46 WORCESTER STREET, BOSTON.)

FOR THE YEAR 1900.

BOSTON:
THOMAS GROOM & CO.
82 STATE STREET.
1901.



OFFICERS FOR 1901.

President.

JOHN D. WILLIAMS,
160 STATE STREET.

Vice-President.

WILLIAM FAXON.

Treasurer.

ALEXANDER F. WADSWORTH,
50 STATE STREET.

Counsellor.

MISS M. C. STEVENSON.

Clerk.

EZRA H. BAKER.

Managers.

JAN.	JOHN D. WILLIAMS.	Miss C. P. NOYES.
FEB.	ALEX. F. WADSWORTH.	Mrs. ALEX. F. WADSWORTH.
MAR.	DR. J. PAYSON CLARK.	Mrs. G. S. CURTIS.
APR.	ROBERT S. STURGIS.	Miss ELEANOR G. MAY.
MAY.	DR. E. C. STOWELL.	Mrs. ROBERT B. FAIRBAIRN.
JUNE.	GEORGE C. CHANEY.	Mrs. G. W. WHEELWRIGHT, JR.
JULY.	WILLIAM FAXON.	Mrs. WILLIAM FAXON.
AUG.	EZRA H. BAKER.	Miss ELINOR CURTIS.
SEPT.	W. W. BLACKMAR.	Mrs. W. W. BLACKMAR.
OCT.	NATHANIEL N. THAYER.	Miss ELIZABETH B. BROWN.
NOV.	CHAS. A. WHITTEMORE.	Miss A. C. AYRES.
DEC.	CLEMENT S. HOUGHTON.	Miss MARIA FORBUSH.

Assistant Managers.

MISS MABEL D. CLAPP.	MISS MIRIAM P. HAMLEN.
MRS. ROBERT S. STURGIS.	MISS ELIZABETH R. TYSON.
ARTHUR W. MOORS.	

Matron.

MISS FLORENCE C. PEARSON.

Visiting Physician.

DR. GEORGE A. WEBSTER,
WARREN CHAMBERS,
419 Boylston Street.

COMMITTEES FOR 1901.

School.

MRS. BLACKMAR. GEN'L. BLACKMAR.
MISS CLAPP.

Repairs and Furnishing.

MISS BROWN. MR. STURGIS.
MR. THAYER.

Supplies.

MR. WADSWORTH. MR. WILLIAMS.

Finance.

MR. WILLIAMS. MR. WADSWORTH.
MR. BAKER.

Auditing.

MR. WILLIAMS. MR. MOORS.

Printing Annual Report.

MR. WILLIAMS. MR. FAXON.
MR. BAKER.

Distributing Annual Report.

MRS. WADSWORTH. MISS MAY.

Hygiene and Food.

DR. CLARK. DR. STOWELL.
MR. FAXON. MISS AYRES.
MRS. CURTIS. MISS MAY.

REPORT.

In accordance with the established custom, the Managers of the Home present their annual report for the year 1900.

The work of the Home has been carried on with few noticeable incidents and with comparatively little interruption from sickness. The number of children received into the Home was slightly larger than the previous year. There has been a gratifying freedom from epidemics the past year, an outbreak of measles, of short duration, last spring being the only incident of the kind.

To keep the Home free from contagious diseases is well-nigh impossible ; to prevent them from spreading through the Home is the constant care of the Matron and the Visiting Physician.

The boarding-out of children has been continued the past year with such success as to convince the Managers that this plan, outlined in the past, should be continued and extended in the future. This does not mean that the work at the Home itself should stop, nor even lessen. The placing of children in separate homes, especially the placing of those children who will probably remain several weeks under our charge, will enable us to receive into the Home more children in need of immediate, temporary relief, and also more children who may be surrendered to us for

adoption. Constant supervision of the homes where our children are temporarily boarded is absolutely necessary, if our work is to be done successfully; but, with careful and frequent inspection, it is the belief of the Managers that the welfare of the children is better provided for by the present system of boarding some of them outside the Home than by confining them all to our own quarters. There will always be a number of children who, because of their age or from other reasons, must be kept in the Home itself.

One branch of our work, as mentioned in former reports, has of late years become less active, although of not lessened importance, — that is, the placing in permanent homes of children surrendered to us for adoption. While it is our aim to keep families together and to develop, rather than to diminish, the responsibility of parents and relatives, every year there must necessarily be children for whom new permanent homes must be found. Nor does the care for the children by the Home cease with their adoption by others, although the legal responsibility passes from its hands. Not infrequently the circumstances of those adopting our children so change as to make it desirable that the children should be given back to us. The record of the past shows, however, that such cases are a minority and that the great majority of children adopted from the Home have been permanently benefited.

Our thanks are due to all our generous donors of the past. Many of our oldest subscribers, friends of the Home from its small beginning, have passed away; and, although we have had many to take their places, we still need the help, personal as well as pecuniary, of many others.

The Managers are grateful to the Matron, to the Visiting Physician and to all the employees of the Home for their faithfulness and devotion; and they thank the Young Men's Christian Union, managers of the country week, for many kindnesses.

Children in the Home December 26, 1899	36
Received	206
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	242
Placed in other institutions	21
Placed for adoption	6
Returned to parents or friends	184
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	211
Remaining in the Home December 31, 1900	31
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	242

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

All signers of the Constitution and By-Laws, who shall have contributed for two successive years to the funds of the Corporation, shall be members; and membership shall cease on failure, for one year, so to contribute.

ARTICLE II.

ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICERS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the last Monday of December (or if that is a holiday, on the Tuesday following), at such hour and place as the President and Clerk shall appoint. Notice shall be given in a daily paper published in Boston, seven days, at least, before the meeting. A President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Clerk, Treasurer, twenty-four Managers and not less than five Assistant Managers shall be chosen by ballot at this meeting, to serve for one year, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

The Board of Managers, at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose, may fill any vacancies in any of the offices of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Managers shall be one-half gentlemen and one-half ladies, and shall, with the Assistant Managers and other officers (named in Article II), constitute a Board of Control, which shall have entire charge of the affairs of the Cor-

poration, including power to authorize a committee of three of the members of the Board to make contracts, and to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of its property, real and personal. The Board shall fix the times and places for its meetings and, unless otherwise determined by said Board, shall meet once a month, on the last Monday of every month, or if this should be a holiday, then on the following Tuesday. The Board of Control shall appoint two Managers, a gentleman and a lady, a committee for each month; shall appoint a school committee, a committee on repairs, a committee on supplies and a committee on finance, who shall also act as an auditing committee; and shall have power to fill all vacancies. Any person who shall have served for ten consecutive years on the Board shall be eligible, on resignation, to the office of Counsellor, with a vote in the Board when present. The Assistant Managers may act on committees for the month, or otherwise assist the work of the Home.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES OF THE MONTH.

During the month which shall begin immediately after the monthly meeting, the committee of the month shall have charge of the Home, including, in consultation with the Matron, the admission, discharge, and placing the inmates.

ARTICLE V.

MATRON, ASSISTANT MATRON, TEACHER, AND HOUSEKEEPER.

The Matron shall be chosen by the Board of Control; she shall have entire charge of the Home and its inmates, under the direction of the Board of Control, including power to employ and dismiss servants. The Assistant Matron, Teacher, and Housekeeper, when such are employed,

shall be appointed by the Board of Control, but may be dismissed by the committee of the month, with the approval of the President.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

Six members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Corporation or of the Board of Control.

ARTICLE VII.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings of the Corporation may be called at any time by the President, to be notified by the Clerk, in the same manner as the Annual Meeting ; and of the Board of Control, by notice to each member through the Post Office ; and these meetings shall be called at any time, on the written application of not less than six members.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Corporation, at which the purpose to amend the Constitution and By-Laws shall have been stated as one of the objects of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

OFFICERS' DUTIES.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Clerk, and Treasurer shall perform the ordinary duties of their offices. The Treasurer shall submit a report to the Annual Meeting and whenever requested by the President or Committee of Finance ; and shall act under the direction of the Com-

mittee of Finance in making or changing investments; all bills shall be approved by at least one member of that committee. The Treasurer may employ a Collector.

ARTICLE X.

ADOPTION.

In all cases where children are adopted from this institution, the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to give the consent of this institution to such adoption, and to sign in the name of this institution, all papers necessary to perfect the adoption of such children.

1900	1899
Dec. 31.	Dec. 26.
To cash paid during the year for	By balance from old account . . . \$8,219 13
Provisions and groceries, \$2,062 88	
Incidentals 751 40	
Clothing 239 48	
Wages 2,380 90	
Board 615 80	
Water 44 72	
Gas 97 80	
Fuel 280 47	
Laundry 621 24	
Printing, etc. 56 15	
Repairs 274 21	
Ice 38 50	
Plumbing 315 58	
"Lowell-Thayer Fund"	
for New Year's and	
Thanksgiving dinners,	
Furniture 20 00	
Collections 32 20	
	5 61 \$7,836 94
Money invested 8,000 00	
Balance, cash on hand 3,795 43	
	\$19,632 37

Examined and found correct.

J. D. WILLIAMS,

One of the Auditing Committee.

E. & O. E.

ALEX. F. WADSWORTH, *Treasurer.*

DECEMBER 31, 1900.

LIFE MEMBERS.

APPLETON, MRS. WILLIAM.
BAKER, E. H.
BARNES, MRS. CHARLES B.
*BOND, MRS. C. L.
*BRADLEE, REV. CALEB D.
BROWN, MRS. JAMES.
BROWN, MISS ALICE WOODWARD.
BROWN, ATHERTON T.
BROWN, MRS. ATHERTON T.
BROWN, MISS ELIZABETH B.
CHAFFIN, MRS. W. L.
CHAFFIN, REV. W. L.
CHENEY, MRS. ARTHUR.
CRUFTS, MISS H. C.
CUSHING, MRS. BENJAMIN.
*DAVIS, MISS A. W.
*DRAPER, MISS A. A.
DUNCAN, MRS. GEORGE.
FAULKNER, MRS. CHARLES.
FIELD, MRS. B. W.
*GILMORE, MRS. ADDISON.
GODDARD, MRS. WILLIAM.
GREW, MRS. HENRY S.
*HAYWARD, MRS. GEORGE P.
HOLLINGSWORTH, MRS. POLLY R.
HOLLINGSWORTH, MISS ROSE.
HOMER, MISS MARY R.
*HOMER, MRS. PETER T.
HOMER, MRS. J. T.
HOOPER, MRS. I. HARRIS.

* Deceased.

- *HOVEY, Miss MARIAN.
- JOY, Miss CAROLINE A.
- KENT, Mrs. HELENA M.
- *KIMBALL, MOSES.
- *LAWRENCE, Mrs. AMOS A.
- LINCOLN, Miss MARY K.
- MANN, Mrs. S. H.
- MARRS, Mrs. W. D. KINGSMILL.
- MERRIAM, Mrs. CHARLES.
- MORTON, Miss SARAH B.
- NORCROSS, GRENVILLE H.
- *RICE, HENRY ALLEN.
- *SHATTUCK, Mrs. GEORGE C.
- *STEADMAN, Mrs. MARSHALL.
- STETSON, Mrs. JOSHUA.
- STORER, Mrs. R. B.
- STORER, Mrs. WILLIAM BRANDT.
- *THAYER, Mrs. C. L.
- THAYER, NATHANIEL N.
- *WETHERELL, Mrs. JOHN G.
- *WIGGLESWORTH, Miss ANNE.
- *WILLIAMS, Miss ANN D.

* Deceased.

SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS.

From January 1, 1900, to January 1, 1901.

Alden, John E.	\$5 00	Dane, Mrs. John H.	\$2 00
Allan, Mrs. Bryce	15 00	Dutton, Miss Mary M.	5 00
Ayres, Miss A. C.	5 00		
		E. A. E.	15 00
Beebe, Mrs. J. Arthur	10 00	Elliot, Mrs. Samuel	5 00
Blackmar, W. W.	25 00		
Blackmar, Mrs. W. W.	25 00	Fairbairn, Mrs. R. B.	5 00
Blake, Robert P.	5 00	Faulkner, Mrs. Charles	10 00
Bowditch, Miss Charlotte	5 00	Faulkner, Miss F. M.	10 00
Brewer, Miss F. R.	10 00	Fay, Mrs. J. S.	10 00
Brewer, Mrs. Thomas M.	3 00	Fields, Mrs. James T.	5 00
Brown, Miss Elizabeth B.	10 00	Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	10 00
Brown, T. Hassall	10 00	Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	5 00
Browne, Edward I.	10 00	Freeman, Mrs. Caroline S.	10 00
Browne, Miss Harriet T.	5 00	Frothingham, Miss Ellen	5 00
Bullard, Mrs. William S.	5 00		
Burrage, Mrs. E. A.	5 00	Gaffield, Thomas.	5 00
		Glover, Joseph B.	20 00
Callender, Mrs. Henry	5 00	Gray, Russell	5 00
Cary, Miss Ellen G.	20 00		
Chapman, Miss Jane E. C.	2 00	Hecht, Mrs. J. H.	5 00
Cheney, Mrs. Ednah D.	5 00	Hitchcock, Mrs. John	10 00
Clark, Mrs. John T.	5 00	Hooker, Miss Sarah H.	3 00
Clarke, Mrs. Eliot C.	10 00	Hooper, Edward W.	25 00
Clement, Mrs. Mary A.	10 00	Hope Chapel	10 00
Coolidge, Mrs. H. H.	5 00	Houghton, Clement S.	10 00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T.	25 00	Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Eliot	5 00
Cotton, Elizabeth A.	5 00		
Covel, Mrs. A. S.	5 00	Jackson, Mrs. J. B. S.	10 00
Cummings, Mrs. C. A.	10 00	Jones, B. M.	5 00
Cunningham, Mrs. J. H.	5 00		
Curtis, Mrs. Charles P.	10 00	Kidder, Mrs. Henry P.	10 00
Curtis, Mrs. Greeley S.	20 00	Keith, Mr. and Mrs. L. I.	10 00
Curtis, Miss Isabella P.	3 00	Kimball, Miss H. H.	10 00

Loring, Mrs. W. C.	\$25 00	Sears, Mrs. K. W.	\$10 00
Lowell, Mrs. George G.	10 00	Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10 00
Lowell, Mrs. Lucy B.	10 00	Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	10 00
		Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	50 00
Manning, Mrs. F. C.	5 00	Slocum, Mrs. W. H.	10 00
Mass. Charitable Fire Association,	100 00	Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5 00
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5 00	Stone, Mrs. F.	5 00
Merriam, Charles	5 00	Storer, Miss Abby M.	5 00
Monroe, Mrs. Charles J.	10 00	Storer, Miss Mary G.	5 00
Morgan, Mrs. J. P., Jr.	10 00		
Morse, Mrs. S. T.	10 00	Tompkins, Mrs. O.	3 00
		Turner, Miss Abby W.	25 00
Nickerson, Andrew	10 00		
North Easton Sunday-School	16 97	Wadsworth, Mrs. A. F.	10 00
		Wainwright, Miss R. P.	5 00
Osgood, Miss Emily L.	5 00	Warren, Miss Cornelia	5 00
		Weld, Mrs. Moses W.	20 00
Paine, The Misses	10 00	Weld, Mrs. Wm. F.	5 00
Parkman, Miss E. S. W.	5 00	Wells, Mrs. E. S.	5 00
Peabody, F. H.	15 00	Wheelwright, Edward	10 00
Peabody, Mrs. S. E.	10 00	Wheelwright, George W.	10 00
Pickering, Henry	25 00	Whitman, Henry	10 00
Pickman, Mrs. D. J.	25 00	Whitwell, Miss L. L.	5 00
Powers, Mrs. George C.	5 00	Wigglesworth, George	10 00
		Williams, Miss Adelia C.	10 00
Ranney, Fletcher	5 00	Williams, John D.	50 00
Reed, Mrs. B. T.	5 00	Williams, Miss Ruth	10 00
Rogers, Mrs. William B.	10 00		
Rust, Mrs. William A.	5 00	Young, Charles L.	25 00

DONATIONS TO THE HOME FOR 1900.

Trinity Church Employment Society. — One hundred and eleven garments.

Mr. F. W. G. May. — Several donations milk, fruit and flowers.

Mrs. Augustus Flagg. — Fourteen garments.

Barnard Memorial Chapel. — Invitation to Music Hall, Washington's Birthday.

Mr. G. H. Norcross. — Three screens for nursery.

Second Church, Copley Square. — Seventy-six garments.

Mr. Robert Josselyn. — Several pairs overshoes.

Easter Card Mission. — Easter cards.

Boston Sewing Circle. — Fifty-two garments.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar. — Bonnets, cloaks and leggings for the nursery; trimmed hats and supplies for schoolroom, also two barrels apples.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, First Parish, Hingham. — Fifty-five garments and scrap-book.

Mrs. R. C. Sturgis. — Children's white aprons.

King's Chapel Employment Society. — One hundred and sixty garments.

Mrs. C. F. Hutchins. — Toys, books and games.

Mrs. A. F. Wadsworth. — Donation clothing.

The Every Day Church. — Donations flowers.

First Church Employment Society. — Thirty-two garments.

Miss Charlotte Adams. — Worsted balls for the nursery.

Lend-a-Hand Club, Roslindale, through Mrs. A. M. Haskell. — Fifteen garments.

Mrs. C. A. Whitmore. — Books, toys, games and black-board.

- First Parish, Dorchester. — Fifty garments.
Miss F. R. Brewer. — Infants' dresses.
Mrs. J. Homans. — Toys and games.
Mrs. J. Myles Standish. — Baby carriage.
Sewing Circle, through Miss Lucy Parsons. — Thirty-three garments.
Mrs. Leonard Stone. — Infants' clothing.
The Misses Storer. — Packing-boxes.
The Boston Flower Mission. — Several donations fruit and flowers.
Mrs. S. P. Blake. — Twenty-four garments.
Mrs. Geo. W. Wheelwright. — Cards for schoolroom and boys' underwear.
Cambridge Sewing Circle, through Miss J. F. Bumstead. — Forty-four garments.
Miss E. B. Brown. — Eighteen dresses for the nursery.
First Congregational Church, Wakefield. — A day's outing for the children.
Mrs. Joshua Stetson. — Babies' slips and skirts.
Mr. Geo. P. Sanderson. — Three barrels apples.
Mrs. E. B. Mayo. — Baby carriage.
Parker Memorial Church. — Donations flowers.
Mrs. A. H. Balcome. — Four barrels apples.
Mrs. T. J. Homer. — Baby carriage.
Miss E. G. May. — Five dresses.
Clothing and toys from unknown friends.

THANKSGIVING.

- Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church. — Two turkeys and squash.
Norris Bros. — Two turkeys and barrel squash.

CHRISTMAS.

- Mrs. S. S. Curtis. — Scrap-books.
The Misses Storer. — Clothing, hats, hoods, mittens and children's games.

The Cambridge Sewing Club, through Miss J. F. Bumstead. — Dresses, hoods and aprons.

Mrs. E. W. Boyd. — Box Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wheelwright. — Turkey.

Mrs. Moses W. Weld. — Box dressed dolls and toy animals.

Mrs. R. B. Fairbairn. — Three boxes candy and money for the children to spend.

Unity Church Sunday-School, North Easton. — Shoes, books, games, toys, and dressed dolls.

Miss Maria Forbush. — Box nursery toys.

Mr. A. G. Pearson. — Box candy canes.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar. — Dolls, books, brushes, mirrors, hoods and trimmed hats.

Mrs. George H. Green. — Games, balls, books, blocks and toys.

Loyal Workers, of Hopedale, through Miss Ruth C. Dutcher. — Stockings filled with candy, nuts, fruit, toys, games, dolls, books and clothing.

Knitted reins from an unknown friend.



